



By the King.

A Proclamation reuiuing and enlarging a former Proclamation made in the Reigne of King Iames, prohibiting the bringing in of any Commodities traded by the Eastland Merchants into this Kingdome, aswell by Subiects as Strangers, not free of that Company, with a publication of certaine Statutes for the restraint of all His Maiesties Subiects, from shipping any Commodities in Strangers Bottomes, either into, or out of this Kingdome.



It is a great part of Our Royall care, like as it was of Our Royall Father of blessed memory deceased, to maintaine and increase the Trade of Our Merchants, and the strength of Our Naue, as principall Veines and Sinewes for the wealth and strength of Our Kingdome. whereas therefore the Society and Company of Our Eastland Merchants, trading the Baltique Seas, haue by the space of fifty yeers at the least, had a settled and constant possession of Trade in those parts, and haue had both the sole carrying thither of Our English Commodities, and also the sole bringing in of all the Commodities of those Countreys, as namely, Hempe, Yarne, Cable-Yarne, Flaxe, Pot-ashes, Soap-ashes, Polonia wooll, Cordage, Eastland Linnen Cloth, Pitch, Tarre, and wood, whereby Our Kingdome hath been much enriched, Our Shippes and Mariners set on worke, and the honour and fame of Our Nation and Kingdome, spread and enlarged in those parts.

And whereas for their further encouragement, the said Company haue had and enjoyed by Letters Patents vnder the great Seale of England, in the time of the late Queene Elizabeth, Priuiledges, aswell for the sole carrying out to those Countreys of all Our En-

glifh Commodities, as alfo for the fole bringing in of the aboue-named Commodities of the fayd Countreys, with generall Prohibitions and Reftraints of others not Licensed and authorized by the fayd Letters Patents, to traffique or trade contrary to the tenour of the fame Letters Patents.

Wee minding the vpholding and continuance of the fayd Trade, and not to fuffer that the fayd Society fhall fuftaine any violation, or diminution of their Liberties & Priviledges, haue thought good to ratifie and publifh vnto all perfons, as well Subjects as Strangers, the fayd Priviledges and Reftraints, to the end that none of them prefume to attempt any thing againft the fame.

And we doe hereby ftraightly charge and command all Our Customers, Comptrollers, and all other Our Officers at the Ports, and alfo the Farmers of Our Customes, and their Deputies, and Mayters, that they fuffer not any Broad Cloth, Dozens, Kerleys, Bayes, Skins, or fuch like Englifh Commodities, to bee shipped for exportation to thofe parts, nor any Hempe, Flaxe, dyed or vndyed, Yarne, Cable Yarne, Cordage, Pot-afhes, Sope-afhes, Polonia-Wooll, Caftland-Linnen-cloth, Pitch, Tarre, or Wood, or any other Commodities whatfoener of thofe Forreyn parts and Regions, wherein the fayd Company haue vfed to trade, to be Landed, except onely fuch as fhall be brought in by fuch as are free of the fayd Company. Provided alwayes, that the Importation of Corne and Graine bee left free and without reftraint, Any thing herein contained to the contrary notwithstanding.

Furthermore, Whereas there hath been in ancient time diuers good and polittique Lawes made againft the fhipping of Merchandize in Strangers Bottomes, either Inward or Outward, as namely the Statutes of 5. Rich. 2. 4. Henr. 7. 32. Henr. 8. Which Lawes of later yeeres haue been much neglected, to the great prejudice of the Nauigation of Our Kingdome: wee doe ftraightly charge and command, that the fayd Lawes be from hencefoorth duely put in execution, & that none of the fayd Company, nor any other, be permitted to Export or Import any of the aboue-mentioned Commodities in other then Englifh Bottoms, vpon the Paines in the fayd Statutes contained, and vpon paine of Our high indignation and difpleafure towards all Our Officers and Minifters which fhall bee found flacke and remiffe in procuring and affifting the due execution of the fayd Lawes.

Given at Our Court at Whitehall the feuenth day of March, 1629. in the fift yeere of Our Reigne of Great Britaine, France and Ireland.

God faue the King.



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